दौरान उन व्यक्तियों के लिए, जो अस्तित्व में नहीं है, जारी की गई पालिसियों की संख्या वर्ष 1993-94, 1994-95 और 1995-96 के दौरान क्रमशः 30, 33 और 60 थी। इन जाली बीमों में एजेंट, विकास अधिकारी श्रेणी-I, II तथा III के कर्मचारी और चिकित्सा जांचकर्ता शामिल थे। कम्पनी के विनियमों में दी गई अनुशासनात्मक प्रक्रिया के अनुसार इन कर्मचारियों के विरूद्ध कार्रवाई की गई थी। भारतीय साधारण बीमा निगम द्वारा भेजी गई सूचना के अनुसार, जाली बीमा का कोई मामला कम्पनी के ध्यान में नहीं आया है।

इंडियन टोबाको कम्पनी पर सीमाशुल्क विभाग द्वारा छापा मारा जाना

2673. **श्री सूर्यभान पाटील वहाडणे:**
श्री राधवजी:

क्या **वित्त** मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि सीमाशुल्क विभाग ने 1996 में इंडियन टोबाको कम्पनी पर छापा मारा था; और यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ख) इस छापे में प्रारम्भिक जांच के दौरान क्या-क्या अनियमितताएं पायी गईं और इस संबंध में अब तक क्या कार्यवाही की गई है?

वित्त मंत्री (श्री पी॰ चिदम्बरम): (क) और (ख) विदेशी मुद्रा विनियमन अधिनियम, 1973 का उल्लंघन करने के संबंध में मैसर्स आई॰टी॰सी॰ लि॰ कलकत्ता के विरूद्ध प्रवर्तन निदेशालय द्वारा जांच की जा रही है। तथापि, 1996 में सीमा शुल्क विभाग द्वारा मैसर्स आई॰टी॰सी॰ पर कोई छापा नहीं मारा गया है।

Programme for Improving Working Environment of Offices of its Department

2674. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have initiated any programme for improving the working environment of the field offices of Income Tax Department in the country particularly those situated in Gujarat;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether any training programme for the officers and the staff is also held to improve efficiency; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Yes Sir, A number of schemes for augmentation of infrastructure of the Income Tax Department have been implemented which have also benefitted the offices situated in Gujarat. An amount of Rs. 23.93 lakhs has been sanctioned exclusively for Gujarat region during the current financial year on account of amenities in Nadiad and Ahmadabad. 110 operational vehicles have been provided during the current financial year, out of which 11 have been allotted to Gujarat region. In addition, 77 new posts at CIT level have been created recently, out of which 5 have been allotted to Gujarat region.

(c) and (d) The training needs of officers and staff of the Income Tax Department are fulfilled mainly by the National Academy of Direct Taxes, Nagpur, 4 Regional Training Institutes and 22 Ministerial Staff Traning Units. The officers/staff of Gujarat region are trained by the Regional Training Institute, Mumbai and the Ministerial Staff Training Units located at Baroda and Ahmedabad. During the current year, 909 employees of the Gujarat region have been imparted training in various disciplines.

DD Centres/AIR Stations set up in Disturbed/Border Areas

2675. SHRI BHAGABAN MAJHI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Doordarshan Centres/AIR Stations set up in the distrubed areas/border areas in the country;

(b) the steps taken by Government to increase AIR and Doordarshan Kendras in those areas; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM): (a) Whereas All India Radio has 89 Stations/Centres, Doordarshan has 128 Centres functioning in the disturbed/border areas.

(b) and (c) Whereas All India Radio has 35 projects under implementation. Doordarshan proposes to set up 94 TV Centres in the border areas subject to availability of funds and inter-se priorities.

Foreign Exchange Reserves

2676. SHRI YERRA NARAYANASWAMY: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign exchange reserves amounted to US Dollars 23,768 million on November 8, 1996;

(b) if so, what portion of this foreign exchange reserves constitute NRI repatriable bank accounts; and

(c) the appoximate amount held in foreign exchange by NRIs on November 8, 1996?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The total outstanding external liability, including accrued interest, under the various non-resident repatriable deposit schemes amounted to US$ 14,598 million at end-September, 1996. These deposits are liabilities of the banking system, while foreign exchange reserves are the liquid canvertible assets of the Reserve Bank of India. The foreign exchange reserves of the RBI are related to the foreign exchange inflows under various heads, such as portfolio investment, foreign direct investment, export receipts, and NRI deposits, as well as outflows such as import payments and debt service payments. Thus, it is not possible to identify the portion of such reserves which constitute deposits under the NRI repatriable bank accounts.

Nomination of Students for Admission in Medical Colleges

2677. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of students nominated by Government for admission in Medical Colleges for MBBS, MD, BIMS etc. in Jalandhar during the years 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) what are the names of colleges where these students were nominated alongwith the names of these students;

(c) whether there is any proposal to open a Medical College in the State of Punjab during the year 1996-97; and

(d) if so, the details thereof; and if not,

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI): (a) and (b) The Ministry of Health & Family Welfare have not nominated any student for admission to MBBS, MD, BIMS etc. courses in Jalandhar during 1994-95, 1995-96 and 1996-97.

(c) and (d) The Central Govt. have no proposal to open a Medical College in the State of Punjab during the year 1996-97. However, two applications under the Indian Medical Council Act 1956, for opening of new Medical Colleges at Amritsar and Jalandhar have been received.

Districts with High Birth Rate Identified for Strengthening Primary Health Infrastructure

2678. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that some districts with high birth rate have been identified in the country for strengthening